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Media Release

Pedestrian Struck and Killed Crossing Highway Near the Intersection of McCarran and Prater Way in Sparks

On Thursday, September 18, 2014 at approximately 9:55 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a vehicle versus pedestrian accident that occurred on East McCarran just south of Prater Way in Sparks.

The crash investigation details indicate a 1998 black Ford Mustang driven by 51 year old Jesus Lopez Lemus of Sparks was traveling southbound on E. McCarran Blvd just south of Prater Way in the far right lane. At the same time a female pedestrian 62 year old Maria Ramon Rivera-Depineda of Sparks was on the east side of East McCarran Blvd and attempted to cross the highway to the west outside of the crosswalk in front of the black Mustang when she was struck.

Efforts were made to revive Mrs. Rivera-Depineda but she succumbed to her injuries at the scene of the accident. The driver of the Mustang did stop at the scene and was cooperative with law enforcement. Alcohol or drugs is not a factor in this tragic accident. The accident is still under investigation. That area of highway is three lanes in each direction with a turn lane. The area was dark with spot roadway lighting and the speed limit is 45 mph.

Trooper Mike Gocke of the Nevada Highway Patrol Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this accident. Witnesses or anyone with additional information regarding this accident are encouraged to contact him @ (775) 689-4682 or mgocke@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP- 140901700



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